

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 1614 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 25th - 26th June 2012

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Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	
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Aug 31 -
Sept 1
2010

June 25-
26 2012

Below are a number of constitutional changes that have been suggested. Which, if any, of these would you most like to have a referendum on? Please tick up to three.

Britain's membership of the EU	43	47	62	39	33	51	44	38	34	51	60	46	49	41	49	52	49	34
Replacing the House of Lords with an elected (or partially elected) chamber	27	27	22	37	29	31	24	27	24	29	28	30	24	31	24	30	27	27
Reducing the number of MPs	28	26	26	23	18	27	25	10	25	25	35	24	29	17	28	27	28	25
Changing the voting system for electing MPs	33	20	9	25	41	24	17	24	23	18	18	21	20	22	21	19	19	20
Scottish independence	7	19	24	13	21	23	15	23	18	18	19	21	17	18	15	16	15	51
Setting up an English Parliament	17	14	19	13	21	17	12	23	9	14	16	15	14	27	14	13	14	2
Fixed term Parliaments	16	12	9	17	20	11	14	13	10	11	15	13	11	11	11	17	11	11
Equalising the size of Parliamentary constituencies	15	12	13	11	21	14	11	10	9	10	19	13	11	10	14	13	13	7
Abolishing the monarchy	14	10	5	13	9	11	9	4	12	11	8	10	9	11	9	10	8	13
None of these	6	10	12	9	6	8	11	12	12	10	6	9	11	9	10	8	10	8
Don't know	10	7	3	7	4	3	11	13	11	6	3	5	10	7	8	3	10	8

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Parliament currently has two chambers, the House of Commons and the House of Lords.

Currently the House of Lords is mostly made up of people appointed by the political parties or by the House of Lords Appointments Commission, which nominates independent Lords. The House of Lords also has seats for senior Church of England bishops and 92 remaining hereditary peers.

Some people have suggested that the House of Lords should be replaced by a second chamber that is mostly or entirely elected by the public.

Which would you prefer?

A House of Lords that is mostly APPOINTED	11	21	8	9	14	9	11	9	11	13	13	9	10	14	14	8	5
A House of Lords that is mostly ELECTED	44	32	53	44	46	41	49	43	44	41	42	46	44	41	40	47	51
A House of Lords with both APPOINTED and ELECTED members	32	38	29	36	32	31	26	27	31	39	36	27	34	32	36	28	29
Don't know	13	9	10	10	8	18	14	20	13	7	9	18	12	12	10	17	15

Which of these views comes closest to yours?

Reform of the House of Lords is vital: it should be a priority to change the system so that its members are elected by the public	18	6	29	22	21	15	25	16	19	16	17	20	27	14	15	20	25
Reform of the House of Lords is a good idea, but it is NOT a priority at the moment, given Britain's other problems	52	57	49	53	50	54	47	54	52	53	54	49	44	54	55	52	50
The House of Lords works reasonably well and should be left alone	20	33	15	18	25	16	14	15	20	28	23	17	19	23	24	17	14
Don't know	10	4	8	8	5	14	15	15	9	3	6	14	10	9	7	12	11

If the second chamber was to be replaced with an elected chamber, do you think there should or should not be a referendum on the change?

Should be a referendum	55	57	59	54	56	54	50	51	58	57	55	56	67	55	57	49	47
Should not be a referendum	26	31	26	30	30	22	21	23	25	32	31	21	21	27	26	25	33
Don't know	19	13	16	15	13	24	28	26	17	11	15	24	12	18	17	25	20

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If the House of Lords were to be replaced with an elected second chamber, how do you think it should be elected?

Using the first past the post system	33	42	33	13	34	32	20	27	36	40	30	37	33	31	30	37	36
Using a system of proportional representation	39	27	45	74	46	33	41	40	37	40	45	31	40	38	43	35	45
Neither	5	6	3	2	6	4	6	3	4	7	6	4	5	7	4	4	1
Don't know	23	24	19	12	14	32	29	23	13	19	28	22	25	23	24	19	

Currently the House of Lords contains 21 seats for senior Bishops from the Church of England. Do you think a reformed House of Lords should or should not retain seats for the bishops?

Should	26	33	29	24	26	25	21	24	27	27	28	22	35	27	28	20	15
Should not	56	52	53	62	60	51	50	53	55	60	55	56	49	54	53	58	70
Don't know	19	16	18	14	13	24	29	23	17	12	17	22	16	19	18	22	15

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Currently government ministers can be drawn from the House of Commons or the House of Lords. Recent governments have used this to appoint people from outside politics as government ministers, such as Lord Digby Jones (former director of the CBI), Lord West (former head of the Royal Navy) and Lord Darzi (a prominent surgeon).

Do you think governments should be able to use the House of Lords to appoint unelected people as government ministers, or should governments only be able to appoint elected people as ministers?

Governments should not be able to appoint unelected people as ministers - only people who have been elected should be able to serve in government

49 | 38 | 57 | 50 | 52 | 47 | 35 | 41 | 51 | 61 | 49 | 50 | 56 | 46 | 51 | 48 | 54

Governments should be able to appoint unelected people to the House of Lords so they can appoint ministers from outside politics

16 | 22 | 14 | 13 | 19 | 12 | 25 | 14 | 16 | 13 | 20 | 10 | 15 | 17 | 15 | 15 | 16

Governments should be able to appoint ministers from outside politics without them being elected, there is no need for them to be given seats in Parliament

14 | 20 | 11 | 24 | 17 | 10 | 12 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 15 | 12 | 13 | 15 | 14 | 12 | 12

None of these

3 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3

Don't know

18 | 18 | 14 | 11 | 8 | 28 | 27 | 27 | 16 | 9 | 13 | 25 | 15 | 19 | 16 | 22 | 16

A committee of MPs and peers recommends that, in future, 80% of members of the House of Lords should be elected, and 20% appointed. Do you think this proposal..

Does not go far enough: EVERY member of the House of Lords should be elected

31 | 17 | 37 | 35 | 33 | 29 | 21 | 30 | 35 | 31 | 28 | 34 | 30 | 28 | 30 | 32 | 40

Gets the balance about right

34 | 37 | 35 | 37 | 35 | 32 | 36 | 34 | 31 | 35 | 33 | 34 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 34 | 35

Goes too far: fewer members of the House of Lords should be elected

10 | 15 | 10 | 14 | 12 | 8 | 12 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 14 | 6 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 9 | 6

Is wrong in principle: elections to the House of Lords would be a mistake

11 | 20 | 7 | 3 | 13 | 9 | 10 | 6 | 11 | 16 | 13 | 8 | 12 | 15 | 14 | 5 | 4

Don't know

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Which of these statements comes closer to yours:

The present system means that the House of Lords contains people with great expertise and wisdom on a wide range of issues; the quality of its membership would FALL if peers were elected

25 | 42 | 21 | 20 | 30 | 20 | 35 | 17 | 22 | 29 | 29 | 19 | 28 | 29 | 28 | 17 | 18

People who are elected to Parliament are more in touch with voters than people who are not elected; so the quality of the membership of the House of Lords would RISE if peers were elected

41 | 29 | 49 | 52 | 39 | 44 | 15 | 45 | 46 | 44 | 40 | 42 | 39 | 39 | 41 | 42 | 50

Neither
Don't know

16 | 16 | 14 | 15 | 21 | 11 | 21 | 13 | 15 | 17 | 17 | 14 | 16 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 13
18 | 12 | 16 | 13 | 11 | 25 | 28 | 24 | 17 | 10 | 13 | 25 | 17 | 15 | 15 | 26 | 18

One recommendation of the committee of MPs and peers is that peers should be elected for 15 years and at the end of that time would have to stand down and not stand for re-election Do you think this is...

A good idea because it would give peers more freedom to decide what is right without worrying that their voters will throw them out after five or ten years

32 | 35 | 28 | 49 | 35 | 29 | 35 | 35 | 28 | 34 | 37 | 26 | 41 | 30 | 30 | 33 | 33

A bad idea because voters should have the right to decide whether to keep or throw out elected parliamentarians every few years

47 | 47 | 54 | 36 | 51 | 44 | 39 | 39 | 53 | 51 | 45 | 51 | 43 | 51 | 49 | 43 | 48

Don't know

20 | 18 | 18 | 15 | 14 | 27 | 25 | 25 | 19 | 15 | 18 | 23 | 16 | 20 | 20 | 24 | 19